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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Egypt.

Law No. 149 of 2019 on the practice of civil work governs associations and civil institutions and includes a definition of voluntary work, a tax deduction for donations and a government unit role in volunteering policy. The Ministry of Social Solidarity has announced a national volunteering strategy and is the national focal point for the International Volunteer Year 2026. A general statutory duty to help a stranger in danger could not be verified.

DUTY TO HELP A STRANGER
No general duty found

PROTECTION FOR HELPERS
None found

GIVING AND SERVICE
5 programs and laws

Is there a legal duty to help a stranger?

NO GENERAL DUTY FOUND

No Penal Code provision imposing a general duty to help a stranger in danger was found or verified in the sources reviewed; one Arabic-language academic abstract located in a search recommended legislative changes on this topic, but it could not be read. This does not establish that no such provision exists.

Are people who help protected?

NONE FOUND

No law giving specific protection to people who help strangers in good faith was found in the sources reviewed.

How the government promotes giving and service

Law No. 149 of 2019: voluntary work

The English translation defines voluntary work as work performed voluntarily to achieve public benefit without profit, and defines volunteering bodies as civil society and governmental bodies that receive volunteers.

ANDERSEN IN EGYPT (LAW FIRM; UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

Law No. 149 of 2019: donations and volunteering unit

The translation provides that donations to associations are deductible from the donor's income up to 10 percent of net income, and that a government unit helps develop Egypt's volunteer strategy, connects volunteers with volunteering entities and publishes volunteer opportunities (art. 77).

ANDERSEN IN EGYPT (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)

National strategy for volunteerism (announced)

In March 2024 the Minister of Social Solidarity said a national strategy for volunteerism would be launched, including a first unified volunteering database. Whether it launched was not verified.

CAIRO GOVERNORATE PORTAL

International Volunteer Year 2026

The Ministry of Social Solidarity was designated the national focal point for the International Volunteer Year 2026, according to the UN Volunteers knowledge portal.

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME

Ministry statement on youth volunteering
In the UNV State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2022 the Minister of Social Solidarity wrote that the ministry provides capacity-building programs and channels for young volunteers, who took part in national initiatives.
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Ways to give and volunteer

Egypt's charity sector is tightly regulated by the Ministry of Social Solidarity, and many groups are religious or state-linked; this list only names official or widely established bodies. Check the rules before giving or volunteering, especially as a foreigner.

Check a charity before you give

The ministry that registers and supervises associations and foundations; ask it or the group to confirm registration, as I did not find a simple public search page.

Ministry of Social Solidarity (وزارة التضامن الاجتماعي)

Give your time

Egyptian Red Crescent: Volunteer
The national society's page for signing up as a volunteer.

UN Volunteers (UNV)
The United Nations volunteer program, which lists international and national volunteer assignments and country information.

Give money, blood or a donation

Egyptian Red Crescent: Donation
The national society's page for giving money.

Egyptian Food Bank
A national food bank working to move surplus food and basic nutrition to families in need.

In an emergency or a crisis

Ministry of Health and Population psychological support hotline: 16328
A Ministry of Health and Population line for psychological support in Egypt, described as round the clock.

Before you act

- Egyptian law requires associations to register and get approval before collecting or accepting donations, including foreign money, so do not collect funds on your own or give through unregistered groups.
- Foreign residents and visitors should volunteer only through registered organizations and ask them about permit requirements first.
- Beware of social media appeals and unknown people asking for cash or transfers.

This list covers only official or well-established bodies and does not cover local groups, mosque or church charities, or crowdfunding. Checked 2026-10-28. Listing an organization is not an endorsement, and none of them has endorsed this site. Some official sites block automatic checks, so a link may need a second try.

One thing worth knowing

The 2019 civil work law itself defines voluntary work and gives a government unit a role in volunteer policy and opportunities.

What this does not mean

The law text relied on is an unofficial English translation by a law firm; the Arabic Official Gazette text was not read. The law also contains registration and funding rules for organizations, which this guide does not evaluate. Zakat institutions and the Egyptian Food Bank (described by a nonprofit directory as a nonprofit co-founded in 2006) were not documented through government sources and are not included. This is a plain-language summary of public sources, not legal advice, and it does not rank countries. No government named here has endorsed this site. Not reviewed by a lawyer. Statutes were read in public sources and may have changed. Last checked October 26, 2026.

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